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**DEATH OF MR. JAMES
LEDDEN, T.D.**

We announce with regret the death of Mr. James Ledden, T.D., which sad event took place at his residence, 49 William Street, last night, after a rather prolonged illness. The deceased had been ailing since the early Autumn, but it was only within the past month or so that his illness took a serious turn. He was in the sixty-second year of his age, and was for the greater part of his life, since boyhood practically, associated with National life. He was a member of the Limerick Amnesty Association for the release of the Fenian prisoners, and was one of the first to throw in his lot with the Volunteer movement sometime subsequent to the introduction of Mr. Asquith's Home Rule Bill in 1912. The late Mr Ledden was an intimate friend of the principal leaders of the Republican Organisation, and for his political views he served varying terms of imprisonment, and which naturally told upon a constitution never robust. At the general election in August, 1923, he was returned to the Dail as one of the representatives for Limerick, being elected second on the poll. In private life he was genial and urbane, and a staunch and steadfast friend. He was a strong supporter of the Treaty, and the announcement of his death has been learned with sincere regret in his native city, and will be received with sorrow throughout the country.

The remains will be removed to-night at 8 o'clock from 49, William street to St. Michael's Catholic Church, and the interment will take place to-morrow in Mount St. Laurence Cemetery after Office and Requiem High Mass at 11 o'clock.

The city flag is at half mast at the Town Hall. Numerous messages of sympathy have been received by the relatives of the deceased.

The Mayor requests the citizens to close their establishments while the funeral is passing to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery to-morrow.

THE LATE LORD MONTEAGLE.

At the first meeting of the Board of the Irish Co-operative Agency Society Limited held since the death of Lord Monteagle, the following resolution was passed:—"That we express our sincere sorrow at the death of our esteemed President, the late Lord Monteagle, and instruct our Secretary to convey our sympathy to Lord Monteagle and the other members of his family. We desire also to record our deep sense of the

**COUNTY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION.**

Privileged Official.

Roads Expenditure.

Yesterday,

The inquiry into the administration of the Limerick Co. Council was continued yesterday (Wednesday), in the Limerick County Council Chamber by Mr Sean McGrath, Local Government Inspector.

Mr P. J. O'Sullivan, solr., appeared for the Co. Council; Mr B. Leahy, solr., for the Limerick Farmers' Union; Mr M. Tynan, solr., for an interested party.

At the sitting of the inquiry, the Inspector ruled on the question of privilege raised yesterday when Mr G. Hewson made an application to have all the Council officials examined. He had, he said, a pretty shrewd idea that there was a right of privilege in the matter, and he now upheld the objection of the County Solicitor that he was not compelled to give evidence in the absence of a commission—express commission from the Council. He relied on Stephens' digest of the law of evidence in support of his ruling.

The first witness called was Mr R. E. O'Neill, chartered accountant, who stated that he was requisitioned by Mr Quaid, late Secretary to the County Council, to assist him in closing the books of the Council for the period ending March, 1923. It was almost impossible to square the accounts at the time owing to the absence of a Treasurer, but the difficulties he had encountered had been overcome. At that stage he had no third party to verify what Mr Quaid had presented to him in the absence of a Treasurer, and he had to rely in the officials to give him data.

Mr R. Davison, County Surveyor, eastern division, stated in reply to the inspector, that he had a mileage of 860 miles, the total County mileage being about 1,900 miles. He had three part-time assistant Surveyors who had each approximately 300 miles under his charge.

Inspector—Are you satisfied that these assistants would be able to give proper supervision to their areas?—Yes, provided they were whole-time officers.

Are they paid travelling expenses?—Yes, at the rate of sixpence a mile, the same as myself.

Continuing, Mr Davison said the Assistant Surveyors certified for work done, and ten road foremen were appointed in 1923.